क्षेत्र की औद्योगिक गतिविधियों में व्यवधान पड़ता है ; और

(च) सरकार इस टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज के कार्यकरण को चुस्त-दुरुस्त बनाने के लिये और इस प्रकार की घटनाओं को पुनः न होने देने के लिये तथा डेड टेलीफोन को तुरन्त ठीक कराने के लिये क्या प्रभावी कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) जी नहीं । तथापि, चोरी हो जाने पर टेलीफोन लाइनों को शीघ्रातिशीघ्र पुनः चालू करने के सभी प्रयास किये जाते हैं ।

(ख) एक्सचेंज 31-3-1994 को चालू किया गया था । अब तक चोरी के 6 (छ) मामले प्रकाश में आये हैं और एक्सचेंज चालू होने की तारीख से अब केवल 59601/- रू० की भूमिगत केबलों की चोरी हुई है ।

(ग) 23/24 अप्रैल की रात्रि में 400 पेयर्स, 200 पेयर्स तथा 100 पेयर्स की 3 केबलों को काटा गया और उन्हें चुराया गया था जिससे 300 उपभोक्ताओं की सेवायें प्रभावित हुई । 35 उपभोक्ताओं ने शिकायतें दर्ज कराई । केबलों को 24 अप्रैल को लगा दिया गया तथा सभी डाकटों को 25 अप्रैल तक ठीक कर दिया गया था ।

(घ) उपर्युक्त भाग (ग) को देखते हुये प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ङ) जी, हां ।

(च) ऐसे मामलों की पुनरावृत्ति रोकने के लिये विभाग स्थानीय पुलिस प्राधिकारियों से लगातार सम्पर्क बनाये हुये हैं ।

Delay in the Functioning of Bhikiyasain Telephone Exchange

7914. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though the telephone exchange at Bhikiyasain was inaugurated about two years ago but it has not yet started functioning properly; and

(b) if so, by when the facilities, including STD are proposed to be provided by the said exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The oid exchange of Bhikiyasain as replaced by C-DOT-128 P system about two years ago and the new exchange is working satisfactorily.

(b) STD facility at Bhikiyasain is planned to be provided by March, 1996.

Telephone Facility in Post Offices of Almora District

7915. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone facility is available in all the Post Offices in Almora District of U.P. particularly in Taya Post Office;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when such facility is proposed to be provided to all the Post Offices in Almora District, particularly in Taya Post Office, in view of the importance of such facility in the communications network in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) There is no specific policy for providing telephone facility in all the Post Offices in the country. However, in view of the importance of extending telecommunication facilities

in rural and remote areas of the country, the Government have adopted National Telecom Policy in 1994 which envisages provision of telephone facility in all inhabited villages in the country at any suitable public place by the year 1997. Post Office is one of the suggested public places. Taya is also likely to get such facility before the end of 1997.

Branch Post Office in Uttar Pradesh

7916. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of new branch Post Offices sanctioned and actually opened in Uttar Pradesh during 1993-94 nd 1994-95, year-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHHRI SUKH RAM) The district-wise number of new branch post offices sanctioned and actually opened in Uttar Pradesh during 1993-94 is given in the Statement. (*See* below) No new extra departmental branch post office has been sanctioned during 1994-95.

Statement

Details of number of branch post offices sanctioned and actually opened during 1993-94, *district-wise, in U.P.*

Sl. No.	Name of District	Post offices sanctioned and opened 1993-94
1	Agra	1
2	Aligarh	1
3	Allahabad	4
4	Almora	2
5	Azamgarh	1
6	Budaun	2
7	Bareilly	1
8	Bijnore	2
9	Basti	2
10	Ballia	2
11	Bahraich	2
12	Barabanki	9
13	Chamoli	1
14	Deoria	1